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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5020](#)**

**BY Slater**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC222/1} (Allows persons with multiple misdemeanors and felonies to seek expungement of up to six convictions provided that convictions for multiple alcohol related offenses or domestic violence offenses and crime of violence are not eligible.)

01/13/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [5084](#)**~~

~~**BY Knight**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC573/1} (Allows for the sealing of records pertaining to cases for which a person is acquitted or otherwise exonerated from a charged offense and eliminates the one hundred dollar (\$100) fee for the expungement of a criminal record.)~~

~~01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5085](#)**

**BY Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC575/1} (Requires termination of imprisonment on a deferred sentence when, after consideration by an assistant or special assistant designated by the attorney general, the state or arresting police department, in their discretion, dismisses the charge(s).)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5086](#)**

**BY Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC583/1} (Permits persons with felony records to petition the court to have their court records, where there has been dismissal/no true bill/no information or if the person has otherwise been exonerated from the offense, sealed by the clerk of the court.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5103](#)**

**BY Knight, Williams**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC578/1} (Makes convictions for crimes that have been decriminalized, including misdemeanor and felony convictions for marijuana, eligible for expungement. Upon filing motion, the court where the original conviction took place, shall hold a hearing on the motion.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5304](#)**

**BY Williams, Knight, Biah, Giraldo, Morales, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC73/1} (Makes any acquittal or dismissal of any offense eligible for sealing under chapter 1 of title 12, lowers the time limitations for certain expungements and amends the eligibility requirements for certain expungements.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5307](#)**

**BY Williams, Batista, Giraldo, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND MARIJUANA EXPUNGEMENT ACT OF 2021 {LC929/1} (Provides that past criminal misdemeanors and felonies for possession of marijuana may be expunged, and the charges from said criminal act could not be used against a person from entering the cannabis industry or any government assistance programs.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5636](#)**

**BY Knight, Speakman, Felix, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS-- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC582/1} (Act repeals fee payment for expungements and makes eligible persons convicted of felony simple possession for expungement 5 years after completion of sentence.)

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5144](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Ranglin-Vassell, Craven, Knight, Williams, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE {LC129/1} (Makes minors who were sentenced as adults, eligible for parole after serving fifteen (15) years of a sentence and would not apply to those serving life without parole and would apply to those prisoners whose offenses were committed after 1/1/91.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5380](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THREE WHEEL VEHICLES {LC128/1} (Provides that three (3)-wheeled motorcycles be included under the licensing requirements of the department of motor vehicles.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5396](#)**

**BY Filippi**

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES {LC986/1} (Prohibits the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of its order by the presiding justice of the superior court.)~~

~~02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5428](#)**

**BY Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS {LC348/1}

(Establishes policy for regulation of occupations, specifying criteria for government regulation to increase opportunities, competition, protect consumers and create a process to review criminal histories to reduce offenders' disqualifications.)

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5566](#)**

**BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS {LC1122/1}

(Makes an assault on taxi drivers a felony punishable by up to three (3) years imprisonment and an assault with a dangerous weapon punishable by five (5) to twenty (20) years imprisonment.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5567](#)**

**BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTORCYCLE HELMETS {LC1120/1} (Requires all operators of motorcycles to wear a helmet. Violation results in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine. Increases the fine for failure of passenger's to wear a helmet from eighty-five dollars (\$85) to one hundred dollars (\$100).)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5574](#)**

**BY Lombardi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1685/1} (Increases the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the maximum term of license suspension from five (5) years to ten (10) years.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5576](#)**

**BY Lombardi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC1688/1} (Makes it a felony to price gauge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5614](#)**

**BY Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC1781/1} (Makes it a misdemeanor to possess, transfer and/or produce child erotica for the specific purpose of sexual gratification or arousal, punishable by confinement in jail for not more than one year, or fine of not more (\$1,000), or both.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5615](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME {LC569/1} (Allows for a civil action against parents of a student who demonstrates disregard for the suspension of their child who has committed the offense of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5616](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC565/1} (Prohibits declawing of a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5617](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC563/1} (Prohibits person convicted of unnecessary cruelty to animals from owning or exercising control of an animal for life. Penalty for violation one thousand dollars (\$1000) and forfeiture of animal.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5637](#)**

**BY Knight, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC1892/1} (Repeals the power granted to certain municipal courts to execute search warrants to the extent the warrants could be executed by a judge of the district court.)

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5653](#)**

**BY Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Williams, Knight, Morales, Kislak, Craven, Cassar, Speakman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY--POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 {LC1903/1}

(Data collection on police traffic stops and/or searches. Requires appointment of community review board.)

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

**Both verbal and written testimony are welcome.**

#### **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

#### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Submit written testimony to:

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**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

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DEADLINE: In order for materials to be shared with members and posted to the General Assembly website in a timely manner, written testimony must be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. All testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website -- as soon as possible. For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file

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